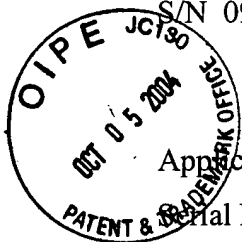


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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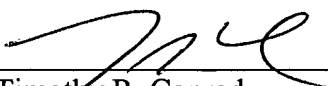
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

Our check in the amount of \$385.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

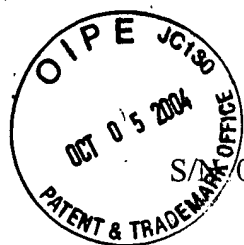
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.